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Nas shoon to hide her tiny taes : Nas stockings on her feet, Her supple ankles white as snaw

Her simple dress of sprinkled pink, Her double, dimpled chin; Her puckered lip and baumy mou', With mae one tooth between

Of early blossoms sweet.

Her cen sae like her mither's cen, Twa gentle, liquid things; Her face is like an angel's face -We 're glad she has nas winge!

UNMASKED-A NEW YEAR'S STORY

BY S. ANNIE FROST.

In a poor room, in the upper part of a small house, a young girl sat at sewing The room was very tiny, the furniture of the plainest kind; but the extreme of poverty was not there. Everything was in next order, and there was an air of nomfort in all the entrainedings, a clarific burned in the stove that evidently served for cooking as well as to warm the room, and the only occupant sat in a deep, well-cushioned arm-chair, wearing a nicely wadded wrapper, and wrapped in a soft woolen shawl. But what spoke most eloquently of want was the young girl and her occupation. She had evi-dently just left a sick bed; her hollow cheeks, closely cropped hair, sunken eyes, and emsciated form told the plain story of long and severe illness, yet in her thin, trembling hands she held a piece of sewing, the trimming for a rich black silk dress that was spread out apon the bed. She was obliged to stop often and let her head rest against the chair, but she per severed, and round her lips hovered a

It was in one of the pauses of her work, when her eyes were closed, that the door elled setting, opened and another young girl about her own age came into the room. About the same age, and wonderfully like the invalid. The same short brown curls, the same large hazel eyes, soft, fair complex ion, and delicate features marked both faces, but the new comer had rounded cheeks and the bloom of full health that was wanting in the other face.

"Sewing, Hattie?" she cried, taking the work from the thin fingers. "And upon a dress trimming! You ought have a good scolding.'

"But you will not give me one "Don't be too sure of that. You are "Don't be too sure of that. You are not well enough to work, Hattie. Who "That will suit you, Nettie."

is that for ?' "Mrs. Hartley. She wants it for a New Year's reception, and I had it before I was sink I work for her husband's store, and she has given me two or three

dresses to make."

"I will finish it for you this afternoon Now we must have dinner," and she drew from under her cloak a basket which she opened. "Here is a roast chicken to be heated; some oysters, which I will stew; cranberry sauce, celery, rolls, also to be warmed, and custard pie. If you are very good, and eat plenty of dinner, you shall also have a glass of wine and some white grapes that are still in the basket. Then I have some news to tell you.

While she was speaking, Nettie Hast ings had thrown aside her hat and cloak, tied a white apron over her black dress. and then unpacked the basket, and was now busily preparing the dinner, and clothing of all kinds form a prominent taking the dishes from the closet to set feature in his uncle's large dry goods the little round table. The invalid store, and I made shirts and other cloth seemed accustomed to her ministrations, for she only looked on with happy

smiles. "It won't be long before I can get dinner," said she, as Nottie inquired the precise locality of the tea caddy. "What should I have done but for you, Nettie?

Died in a pauper hospital."
"You should have sent for me before you were sick, Hattie, But it will not

be long before you are in my home."
"No, no! You are too kind. I must

that was never reconciled. Your father me.' left the city, while I an orphan at three father. When he died, nearly two years poor bonnet, took the ticket from a table crushing on the second Monday ago, and left me all his wealth and his drawer, and drew on her hands a pair of her CHAS.W.PARKER, Ex'rel splendid house. I did not even know he course cotton gloves.

had another grandshild. Mr. mother's sister who came to live with me when grandsther died, told me first of a soporting the control of the co who had left his home in anger and pri river returned, but know nothing further gent out. can never tell you the happines

ment could be signed or become legal litely, that the girls who came to work trunks were placed upon the carriage, the until I was of age, so I could only make were not allowed to pass through the invalid earcfully wrapped up and carried you comfortable out of my income, a lib-store, but must mount to the fourth floor one, and wast until to day. I am through a small side door. There was an atairs, tenderly propped up with pillows, twenty one to day, and I have just put elevator for the employees of certain and resting on Nettie's shoulder, driven my name to the deed that makes you the grades, but the tired women who came to be new home. It was a brilliant reception given New ask of you is to come and share my home, not allowed to use it. Up the weary to her new home. It was a brilliant reception given New Year's Day by the Misses Nettie and live with me, and be my sister, until some stairs, flight after flight, Nettie followed Hattie Hastings, and Mrs. Armstrong,

But it was not in the power of the in-

forth by the emotion awakeued by her cousin's generous gift. Rich, independent, loved! A life of lonely toil thus sudtionately! she could only sob and caress

"I have only told you half my news." "Have you another fortune to give

awny?"
"I am thinking," and the prettiest blushes come upon the young girl's cheeks, "to give all mine away and myself with it. Now, that you are my sister, I must have no secrets from you, so I will tell you all about it. Last evening I received a little note from a gentleman who has visited me frequently, and with the note a ring. The note told me somebody loved me, and asked me to be somebody's wife. If I consented, I was to wear the smile, as if some pleasant thought was held up her hand, and displayed a superb solitaire diamond upon an azure coum

> "Then you love him?"
> "I hardly know. He is older than I would here."
> "I hardly know to be in the congenial here." companion. I am sure of one thing, though, Hattie, that I honor and res; ect him above all other men."

"Love will come then." "I believe that, or I would never marry him. He is so good, Hattie, no noble and generous. There is no great charity in the city that has not his name upon the list of subscribers, and he talks so beautifu'ly about the poor, that it would bring tears to your eyes to hear him. I am sure he does good secretly as well

"I believe," said Nettie, gravely, "that large wealth is given to some only that others may be benefitted also by its use.

To hoard money is a crime in my eyes, and I do try, Hattie, to be a faithful ste sard." "You do not need to tell me that," said Hattie, gratefully. "If your hus-band shares your feelings, you will win

prayer from many lips that will not burden your heart when you die." "He does share my feelings, Hattie." "But you have not told me his name."

"Cecil Graham." "Mr. Hartley's nephew !" said Hattie

"Is he? The man you worked for?" "Yes.

"You know him then?" "He superintended the department where I went for work. Ready made ing. Mr. Hartley knew my father in his

bet'er days, and gave me work,"
"And Mr. Graham?" when returned, and paid for it."

"Did you like him?" "Nettie, do not ask me. You have to day made me your grateful sister for life; will you grant me one more favor?"

"You know I will." "At three o'clock to day the week's

will tell you my news." She sat down beside the invalid's chair and continued: to work, and you will look enough like that forbade any talking in the room. "You know, Hattie, that whatever was me to escape observation. Nettie, do the quarrel between your father and my not refuse me! Do not ask me to ex- close when a girl in mourning went grandfather, there was some bitter enmity plain now my motive. Go this once for slowly down the stairs leading to the

With a very grave face, Nettie Hastyears of age, was adopted by our grand ings put on her cousin's coarse shawl and voice she had hearden. Even the sudden

"You mean more than I so

dollars in her petted life. Her fret re-"I was informed that no such docu- buff was in being informed, not too po- the preparations for the ride. The one with a dearer claim carries you away.

To morrow is New Year's Day. I shall carry you home this afternoon, and you shall sit in state at my reception, and be introduced to all my friends. Hattie! Hattie! you must not cry so. It will entered it, and Cecil Graham, standing violet for the first time since her grandbehind a large table, with two women father's death, was pronounced lovely by as assistants, was opening bundle after all who saw her. valid to check suddenty the tears called bundle and checking the amount due for constant visitor missing from the numereach in a large book. As he did so, the ous callers. In his own room that morn women stepped aside to wait till all the ing Cecil Graham had received a small work was examined, when each would be note in whose perfumed folds was endealy removed, and so delicately and affec | paid, to wait till all received their money, and work for the next week was given ters were analysts, the discovered her oya- out in the name routine. What mattered ters were analysts, has dissert but, and it is a whole socious of precious first woke smiles again by her cooking cares was consumed? It was the system of the establishment.

> Nettie watched the proceeding from under her thick veil with keen interest, not taking her place on the line, but sit ting down, as she had no work to be ex-amined, and must therefore wait till fresh work was given out. It was hard for her to believe that the stern, harsh man before her was the courteous gentleman whose ring was hidden under her coarse glove. He seemed to have magnifying classes in his eyes, so sharply did he crit cize every stitch. Several women had passed through this rough ordeal of critso poorly clad, so pallid and worn, that she seemed scarcely able to stand.

"This won't do at all," said the gentle man, harshly. "I should think you would be ashamed to offer such work better, and I 'fraid ver leetle wass. If

sick.

"I've got nothing to do with your baby and your fire. I can't pay for such

be sure, but to her it seemed neatly made. "No use to us at all."

have not a cent in the world !" "I shall not pay for work that don't

others. With a moan as if wrung from her by physical pain, the woman turned towards

down. "Take this," said a whispering voice, and tell me where you live. To norrow you shall have fuel and food. This will

"But you are poor yourself," she said.
"I can spare that. Where do you

with a faltering "God bless you!" left difference. The country is now full of the other gold. It is now Spindle's turn the room.

table, and Nettie watched again. Some asked for trifling advances to avert freez "Gave out this sewing, examined it dulgence was sternly refused. The ma called for payment. Quite a pile of garments were thrown uside as too budly made to receive payment, and Nettie innocently wondered if they were really WILL practice in the various Courts of the Third Judicial District (Pike, Warren, August 1988) again live, Nettie, as I have since father Montgomery and Lincoln. Having been ended."

Montgomery and Lincoln. Having been ended."

"You will not need it now."

"You will not need it now."

"Put on my shawl and bonnet. We have peculiar facilities for furnishing at short professing, and atarving?

There! I can do no more till the oys mind the poorer garments for once. I will give you the ticket that entitles me fance of the printed rule against the wall give you the ticket that entitles me fance of the printed rule against the wall give you the ticket that entitles me

The winter afternoon was drawing to a street, carrying a heartache for every pale face she had seen, every pitiful not make

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work as this."

"O Mr. Graham, give me half price!

the door. As she passed Nettie, she felt the pressure of a soft hand and looked

help you to day."

The woman looked wonderingly at the five dollar bill in her hand.

Others followed to the long line to the cania railroad. ing, starvation, or the terrors of unpaid having a hard time among the landlords. Some pleaded illness tor landlords. Some pleaded illness tor the southern part of the territory. The ardly. Says Spindle, "Ha! I have it trouble is he hadn't seen any of them for now. I will bet my claim and the few were exceptions, and every favor or in a year, and they all of course had much thousands that I have left against his

dollar or more slipped into her hands, passed the night in peace.

euo she

It did not take very long to finish all

veloped a solitaire diamond ring. The note was brief:

MR. GRAHAM: I had the pleasure of you give out sewing, yesterday afternoon. I think you will understand why I then decided to return your gift. Thanking you for the honor you proposed, I must NETTIE HASTINGS

With a muttered exclamation he would scarcely have wished heard in polite circles, the baffled fortune hunter tossed the note into the fire, and carefully dressed for New Year's calls in houses where the wealthy Mr. Hartley's nephew might still hope for a smiling welcome .- Godey's Lady's Book.

An enterprising doutist in a neighboring city advertises : "Get your sweet icism, when one came up that at once ing city advertuses: "Get your sweet interested Nettie's kind heart. She was heart a new set of teeth as a Christmas

not be so moche dissatisfied."

A small bull-pup and a Newfoundland work as this."

"I don't think anybody but you would notice any fault," was the reply; and railway, one day last week. The battle Nettie, looking at the garment, agreed would undoubtedly have ended in a draw with her. She was not very near it, to had not the little dog pulled his antagonist on the track and held him there until the train came along. The little dog crouched down, and the train went over him without hurting him, while the big dog was ground to sausage meat. suit me. Move up; you are hindering Affidavits can be procured to prove the assertion from the Eric railway agent of that station.

Twenty eight thousand dollars."

dulgence was stornly refused. The ma to say to their loved husband. It is jority came up with mechanical precision, stated that five of them came upon him twice and went to the other end of the long one day, and after chasing him twice "What's your pile?" Said the gambler room to wait until their names were around a forty-acre lot finally cornered him in a corn erib. Here the unhappy man was kept a prisoner until he had listened to all their wants, and divided every cent in his pocket among them, work will be taken in and given out at uscless, looking, to her eyes, so neat and when he was allowed to betake himself well made. More than one woman felt a to a neighboring haystack, where he

> see his daughter off. Securing her a seat, he passed out of the car, and went round to her window to say a parting word, as is frequently done on such occa sions. While to was passing out the daughter left the seat to speak to a friend, and at the same time a primlooking lady, who occupied the sent with her, moved up to the window. Unaware of the important change luside, our yen. love but a few years the window and exclaimed. "One more lie on its eloquerror, Mo:

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## Four Aces

A Thrilling California Cambling Incl-

Spindle was a new arrival. The came with customary propriety had dubbed him thus because he was so slim. On the same principle his awkwardness soon gave him notoriety. Nor this only; like One-eyed Tom, Spindle had made one of the happiest hits of the day. Young, passionate, elated beyond degree with the splendor of his prospects, it was no sur-prise that he should court the pale faced gamblers, who were the stistocrats of the camp. It was no wonder that they should discover his weakness and determine to "sult" him. Play ! No, no; Spindle did not play; he only came in to watch the game; it was tiresome sitting there in the tent alone. "Try it; double your stakes on 'threes,' triple it on a 'full,' " said a pleasant faced fellow, who was just raking in a hundred slugs or more. Spindle was inclined to listen. "Tell you what to do." said the gambler, continuing; "go me halves for an hour and eve how you come out." Spindle did so.
At the end of the hour he had won a

"stake" of several thousand dollars. Spindle was fascinated "I will double this to morrow night," said be, mentally, as he left the gambler's tent. He coubled it. "This must be tripled," said Spindle, as he sought the tent again; two nights afterwards it was tripled "Spindle means to break or be broken," said the bystanders, one night, about a week after his original venture. "Look at the dust he is betting." He is, indeed, betting heavily. The rattlesnake has charmed him. Bet after bet, till the winnings of the week have left him; bet after bet, till its earnings are all gonetill the last "slug" is up, and he has but "How is your wife to day?" said a a single "sight" for it. Woe to him, for friend to a French gentleman. 'Oh, he wins! The tide is floating again, and moche de seem," said he; "she is no Spindle is even. "Safe, safe," he re-better, and I 'fraid ver leetle wass. If marks, betting a bundred "slugs" as a here."

she is gon to die, I wish she would do it "blind," on the strength of his confision. I feel so unhappy—my mind is dence. One by one the cards go round woman, in a weak voice, "and my taby is moche unsettled. When she die I shall to she players. Spindle does not look at his, but gathers them under his hand on the table. "I see your 'blind' and go you a hundred better." It was "Englenose" who spoke-"Eaglenose, the lucky." Spindle looks at his cards. He has a first class hand-four queens and a king ; four aces only will beat him. Eaglenose can have but three of those, for he saw one on the bottom of the pack as the gambler laid the cards on the table ; the gambler meant that he should see it. "I see your bet and raise you a hun-

dred better," replied Spindle, Englenose is uncertain. He looks wistfully at the gold, furrively at his antagonist, and very carefully at the cards in his hands. Did you hear of that chap who at- "He waits, he weakens," said Spindle to tended the sale of a hotel recently at a himself. "I thought he was bluffing." town in Ohio? He hadn't a cent in his Spindle does not see the smile on the pocket, but he stood up and bid boldly, face of the bystander at the back of the It gambler, or he would think very differwas knocked down to him; and when the ently. Rising from the rough stool on question was asked: "Who is the pur- which he sits, Eaglenose steps back in chaser ?" this audacious scamp replied : the tent and opens a strong wooden chest. "The Pennsylvania railroad." Of course Two bags of dust are taken from it, and he was not in person required to put up the gambler staggers under the heavy the money from an imperial buyer like load, as he brings it toward the table, that, whereby he was able in the course Spindle sees a \$10,000 mark on each of of a couple of days, to sell the whole to them. "Bet you them 'ere things," says She gave a number and street, and another party for \$35,000, and clear the Eaglenose as he lays the two bags with scamps buying hotels for the Pennsylconia railroad.

Can it be that he has the but what shall he do? He has not money It is reported that Brigham Young is enough on hand to "call" him. He does having a hard time among his wives in not wish to do this; it would be cowquietly, "There are five more bags in that chest; what do you do, sir?"

claim against your pile," said Spindle. The bet was taken. Spindle threw his cards upon the table with a half puralyzed motion and a face whiter than the tent above-four queens and a king, Eaglestone filed his off, one by onethree aces, a king and an ace. word was spoken by either, and Eaglenose had no reason for so doing. A fer moments afterwards the rained mi staggered to the door of the tent, out into the moonlight, and the

goes on as ever. Half an hour later Sping! tent alone. Before bin of a fuir, sweet face f

leals prepared any me during business purs.